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For: **METHOD FOR THE PURIFICATION OF AN N-TERMINAL FRAGMENT OF
HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2008, applicants respectfully request the following amendments and remarks be made of record in the above-identified application. Applicants' response is due on or before March 4, 2009.

Please cancel claims 8, 10, and 11 and amend claims 1, 7, and 9, as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.